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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Nagao EP837085 suggests his fluorocarbon terminated polycarbonate with "other resins" (page 18 line 17), but doesn't list the other polymers now required by the claims. To arrive at applicant's claimed invention, one would have to

- 1) select applicant's particular fluorinated endgroup from Nagao's list of alternatives
- 2) choose to blend the resultant polycarbonate with another resin
- 3) look to another photoreceptor reference to determine that the appropriate blending partner for Nagao's polycarbonate in his photoreceptor could be polyester, polyacrylate, polymethacrylate or polypropylene.
- 4) convincingly argue that the resultant "solvent blended" composition of the above steps would be equivalent to an "extruded" blend required by applicant's claims.

An obviousness rejection based on such a series of steps is not reasonable. The hypothetical reference of 3) is not of record anyway.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Buttner whose telephone number is

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